BEFORE THE

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

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Complaint on Sunday and Holiday Collections

Docket No. C2001-1

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (DFC/USPS-22-24)

June 4, 2001

Pursuant to POR C2001-1/1 and sections 25 and 26 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to the United States Postal Service. The instructions accompanying DFC/USPS-1–18 are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 4, 2001

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required participants of record in accordance with section 12 of the *Rules of Practice*.

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

June 4, 2001 Santa Cruz, California **DFC/USPS-22**. Please confirm the following information concerning collection boxes located in Mobile, Alabama:

- The collection-times labels on some collection boxes show one or more times for holiday collections.
- b. On some collection boxes that show one or more holiday collection times, an asterisk appears next to the holiday collection time. Elsewhere on the label, a note preceded by an asterisk appears on the label indicating that the holiday collection time does not apply on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- c. A customer could reasonably have concluded that First-Class Mail deposited in a collection box described in this interrogatory on Memorial Day in 2001 would be collected and processed on Memorial Day if the mail was deposited prior to the final holiday collection time posted on the collection box.
- d. The Mobile P&DC did not process outgoing First-Class Mail on Memorial Day in 2001.
- e. First-Class Mail deposited in collection boxes in Mobile prior to the final posted holiday collection time on Memorial Day in 2001 was not, in fact, collected and processed on Memorial Day in 2001.

If you do not confirm, please explain and confirm any part that you can confirm.

DFC/USPS-23. Please provide a photocopy of a collection-times label for a collection box in Mobile, Alabama, that shows a holiday collection time as well as the information in the notation described in DFC/USPS-22(b). If possible, please provide a copy of the label for the collection box with location ID number 3660700024.

DFC/USPS-24. Please confirm that the Collection Box Management System is capable of producing the notation described in DFC/USPS-22(b) for collection-times labels for collection boxes. If you do not confirm, please explain how the notation described in DFC/USPS-22(b) was applied to collection-times labels in Mobile, Alabama.